(c) and (d) Not applicable in view of (b) above.

[English]

Doordarshan Kendra, Jammu

5470. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA :
SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the places where the Doordarshan relay stations have been set up in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the number of them are not functioning properly;

(c) the amount spent on installation of each relay station;

(d) the steps being taken to improve their functioning;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereof; and

(f) whether the Government also propose to set up HPT in border areas of this State to counter the anti-India propaganda ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) The requisite details are given in the statement enclosed.

(b) to (e) The overall performance of the TV transmitters functioning in Jammu and Kashmir is reported to be satisfactory, except for the Very Low Power TV transmitter at Kilhotran which was destroyed by the militants. The complaints of malfunctioning of any TV transmitter, whenever received, are promptly attended to and defects duly rectified. While expenditure to the tune of Rs. 2.50 crore to Rs. 4.00 crore has been made on the setting up of High Power TV transmitter projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, each of the LPT and VLPT projects have costed about Rs. 1.00 crore and Rs. 0.80 crore respectively.

(f) Two High Power TV transmitter projects, one each at Kathua and Naushera are envisaged to be set up in the border districts of Kathua and Rajouri respectively in the State, subject to approval of the projects by the competent authority, availability of resources and inter se priorities.

STATEMENT

LIST SHOWING EXISTING TV TRANSMITTERS IN THE STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

HPTs

Jammu
Leh
Poonch
Srinagar

LPTs

Kargil
Kathua
Riasi
Jammu (DD II)
Leh (DD II)
Srinagar (DD II)
Srinagar (Kashmir Channel)

VLPTs

Ardh Kumari
Baramulla
Batot
Bhadarwa
Buddhal
Daskit
Doda
Dras
Gurez
Kalakot
Kilhotran
Kishtwar
Kud
Kupwara
Nyema
Padam
Pahalgam
Poonch
Rajouri
Ramban
Samba
Sankoo
Thanamandi
Timsogam
Tithwal
Udhampur
Uri

Transposer

Surankot

Special Police Force

5471. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to form a special police force to look after the security of airports and foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) The proposal to set up an Aviation Security Force to look after the security of airports is